

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of the Honorable John
Barrett Melton III of Woodbury, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the sudden death of Judge John Barrett Melton III; and

WHEREAS, Judge Melton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, he was Judge of the Court of General Sessions for Cannon County and a distinguished practicing attorney in all the courts of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Judge Melton died unexpectedly on October 19, 2000, to the great dismay of his colleagues of the Bar and the citizens he served so well; and

WHEREAS, John Melton was born in Cannon County in 1953, the son of distinguished attorney and former Assistant District Attorney General John Barrett Melton, Jr. and Martha Turner Melton; and

WHEREAS, he was the grandson of the legendary trial lawyer John Barrett Melton, Sr.;
and

WHEREAS, Judge Melton earned his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and received the Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree from the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, he became the third generation to fulfill the Melton family legal tradition by entering the practice of law in Woodbury and Murfreesboro; shortly thereafter, he became Judge of the Court of General Sessions for Cannon County, in which position he continued to serve with distinction until his recent death; and

WHEREAS, during his entire professional career Judge Melton established an outstanding judicial reputation for diligence, fairness, and impartiality and an equally superb reputation as an attorney who represented his clients with complete loyalty, competency, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the love and companionship of his wife, Barbara Vance Melton, his two children, Jason Barrett Melton and Emily Melton Hargrove and his parents, John Barrett Melton, Jr. and Martha Turner Melton; and

WHEREAS, his loving sister, Susan Melton, continues in the family legal tradition as an attorney and judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Melton's presence will be greatly missed by all those who knew him, both personally and professionally; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of the Honorable John Barrett Melton III, reflecting fondly upon his singular career in law, his stalwart commitment to community and family, and his impeccable character as a professional and human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Judge John Barrett Melton III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

